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*The Mauricio Gastón Institute of the University of Massachusetts Boston conducts research on and for the Latino population. A goal is to generate the kind of information and analysis necessary to develop sound public policy, and to improve Latino participation in the policy making process. In an effort to present vital information about Latinos to diverse audiences, the Gastón Institute has produced a series of basic demographic profiles for the states and selected cities of New England, based on the United States Census 2000.*

Census 2000 data include changes in the way people were counted. The most significant change is to allow persons to select more than one race, creating a new multiracial category of “two or more races”, but meaning people may not be included in the race with which they most identify. There was, however, no way to choose more than one ethnicity; one must choose either Latino or not. Throughout this profile, numbers reflect Latinos of all races, or non-Latinos by race, with persons of two or more races counted separately. All categorizations are based solely on self-identification. All of this complicates comparisons between 1990 and 2000 data. However, the concepts are similar enough to make trends and patterns clear.

In New Hampshire, the general population changes from 1990 to 2000 were (similar to) national and state trends. The population of people of color — African Americans, Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders — grew at a higher rate than did the population of non-Hispanic Whites (see table 1). The total population of New Hampshire increased by 11.4%, but its composition changed substantially. Behind Whites, Latinos had a larger numerical growth than any other group, increasing by 9,156 or 80.8%, although “some other race” had a higher percent increase. Latinos now represent 1.7% of the population, an increase of 0.6 percentage points and the largest gain of any group. New Hampshire has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest population of Latinos in New England and the 44<sup>th</sup> largest in the 50 states.

Table 1

New Hampshire - Growth by Ethnicity								
	2000		1990		Growth		Change in Percent	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Hispanic or Latino	20,489	1.7	11,333	1.0	9,156	80.8	0.6	
White	1,175,252	95.1	1,079,484	97.3	95,768	8.9	-2.2	
Black or African American	8,354	0.7	6,749	0.6	1,605	23.8	0.1	
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,698	0.2	2,042	0.2	656	32.1	0.0	
Asian <sup>a</sup>	15,803	1.3	9,197	0.8	6,936	75.4	0.5	
Pacific Islander <sup>a</sup>	330	0.0						
Some other race	1,254	0.1	447	0.0	807	180.5	0.1	
Two or more races <sup>b</sup>	11,606	0.9						
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,235,786</b>		<b>1,109,252</b>		<b>126,534</b>	<b>11.4</b>		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

Note: Growth figures will not balance due to the new multiracial category.

<sup>a</sup> 'Asian and Pacific Islander' was split for the 2000 census. Growth and changes reflect combined total.

<sup>b</sup> There was no equivalent category in the 1990 census.

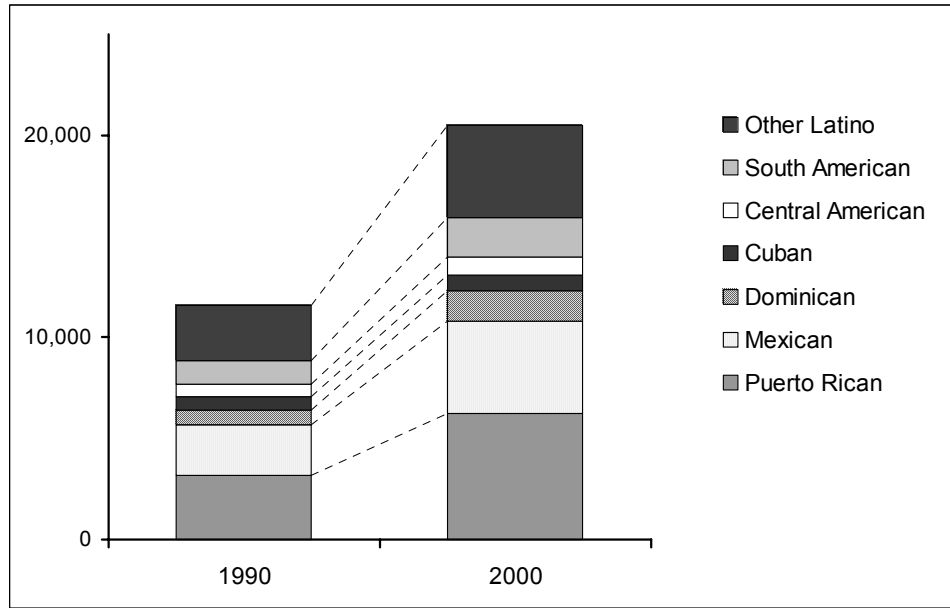
Table 2

New Hampshire - National Origin of Latinos						
	2000		1990 <sup>a</sup>		Growth	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hispanic or Latino	20,489		11,558		8,931	77.3
Mexican	4,590	22.4	2,523	21.8	2,067	81.9
Puerto Rican	6,215	30.3	3,155	27.3	3,060	97.0
Cuban	785	3.8	690	6.0	95	13.8
Dominican Republic	1,480	7.2	701	6.1	779	111.1
Other Central American	903	4.4	622	5.4	281	45.2
Other South American	1,947	9.5	1,160	10.0	787	67.8
Other Hispanic or Latino	4,569	22.3	2,707	23.4	1,862	68.8

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(b).

<sup>a</sup> 1990 figures for nationality are from sample data only and differ from population counts.<sup>1</sup>

Figure 1  
New Hampshire - Growth and Change of the Latino Population



Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

All Latino national-origin groups grew significantly between 1990<sup>1</sup> and 2000. The largest group in New Hampshire is Puerto Rican, at 30.3%, followed by Mexicans and “Other” Latinos. “Other” Latinos were one of the fastest-growing populations, growing by 68.8%, a trend seen across the U.S. (see table 2 and figure 1). A person is counted as “Other” if they write in “Spanish” or give an answer that can't be assigned to a particular nationality (such as “Latino”), or if they identify more than one origin, or leave the answer blank. Future scholarly studies may better describe the composition of this category. The detailed breakdown of Central and South Americans is available at the Census Bureau’s American Fact Finder service, online at: [factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov).

Table 3

New Hampshire - Households by Tenure							
	2000		1990		Growth		Change in Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Latino Headed Households							
Total Households	5,356		3,255		2,101	64.5	
Owners	1,948	36.4	1,323	40.6	625	47.2	-4.3
Renters	3,408	63.6	1,932	59.4	1,476	76.4	

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

Latino-headed households are much more likely to rent than to own their home, 63.6% versus 36.4%, and there has been a 4.3% decrease in home ownership since 1990 (see table 3). This is much lower than the U.S. average of 68.7%. Although there has been a small growth in the proportion of non-family households, it is still true that most Latinos, 74.1%, live in family households (see table 4). Married couples with children represent 33% of Latino-headed households, slightly more than the U.S. average of 24.7%. Families made up of a single female with children account for 14.7% of Latino households, which is greater than the U.S. average of 8.3%, and greater than it was in 1990.

Table 4

<b>New Hampshire - Family Structure</b>						
Latino Headed Households	2000		1990		Growth Percent	Change in Percent
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Families:	3,968	74.1	2,398	73.7	65.5	0.4
with related children <sup>a</sup> :						
Married Couple, with children	1,765	33.0	1,180	36.3	49.6	-3.3
Female Head, with children	789	14.7	310	9.5	154.5	5.2
Male Head, with children	278	5.2	101	3.1	175.2	2.1
without related children:						
Married Couple, no children	868	16.2	654	20.1	32.7	-3.9
Single, no children	268	5.0	153	4.7	75.2	0.3
Non-Family Household	1,388	25.9	857	26.3	62.0	-0.4
Total Households	5,356		3,255		64.5	

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a).

<sup>a</sup> Own or related children under 18 only.

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*Data Sources:*

All available at American Fact Finder [online service]: <http://factfinder.census.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau:

2000: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100% Data.

1990(a): 1990 Census Summary Tape File 1 (STF1) 100% Data.

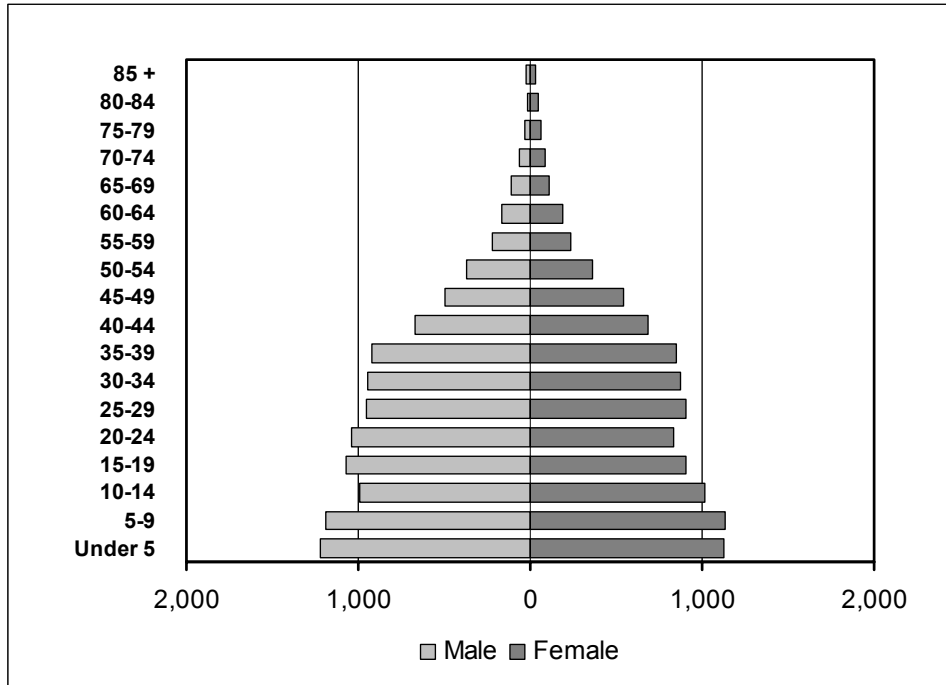
1990(b): 1990 Census Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Sample Data.

1992: 1990 Census of Population: General Population Characteristics. Washington DC: GPO.

*Notes:*

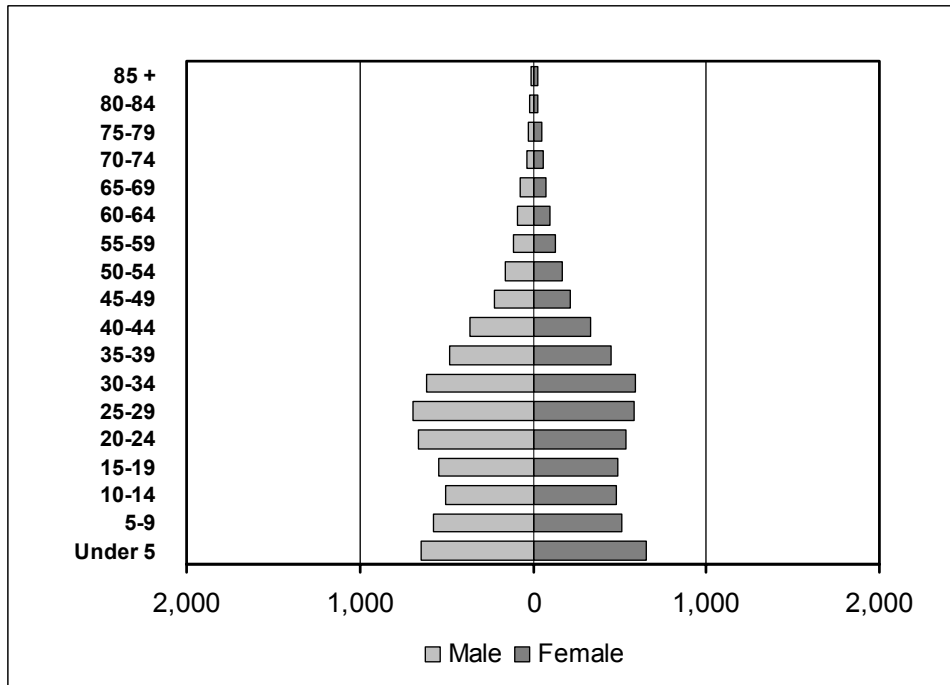
<sup>1</sup> Sample data from 1990 are based on the “Long Form” files. About one person or household in six receives the Long Form Census. The estimates from there do not match the enumerations in the 100% or “Short Form” data. There are sources of error in any census or survey; however the estimates here are accurate enough to note trends and patterns.

Figure 2  
New Hampshire - Age Profile 2000



Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

Figure 3  
New Hampshire - Age Profile 1990



Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

The age composition of Latinos in New Hampshire has changed. There has been an increase among all age groups, but especially among those in the middle years. Even though there are many more children, the overall Latino population is maturing (see figures 2 and 3).

While the Latino population in New Hampshire and in the rest of the country remains relatively young, it is older than it was in 1990. In 2000, 42.2% of Latinos were younger than 20, just slightly greater than the 38.9% in 1990 (see table 5). The Latino median age of 24.2 is much younger than the overall New Hampshire median age of 37.1. Women still tend to be older than men, but the gap closed during the 1990s. In addition to becoming relatively older, both Latinos and Latinas became less concentrated in the 20-29 age group (see tables 6 and 7).

Table 5

<b>New Hampshire - Latinos by Age</b>					
	<b>2000</b>		<b>1990</b>		<b>Growth</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Under 10 years	4,674	22.8	2,390	21.1	95.6
10-19	3,975	19.4	2,014	17.8	97.4
20-29	3,740	18.3	2,471	21.8	51.4
30-39	3,589	17.5	2,143	18.9	67.5
40-49	2,393	11.7	1,137	10.0	110.5
50-59	1,185	5.8	573	5.1	106.8
60-69	578	2.8	341	3.0	69.5
70 and over	355	1.7	264	2.3	34.5
Total	20,489		11,333		80.8
Median Age	24.2		25.3		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

Table 6

<b>New Hampshire - Latino Males by Age</b>					
	<b>2000</b>		<b>1990</b>		<b>Growth</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Under 10 years	2,412	23.0	1,225	20.9	96.9
10-19	2,058	19.6	1,045	17.9	96.9
20-29	1,995	19.0	1,353	23.1	47.5
30-39	1,866	17.8	1,098	18.8	69.9
40-49	1,170	11.1	588	10.0	99.0
50-59	590	5.6	275	4.7	114.5
60-69	274	2.6	170	2.9	61.2
70 and over	134	1.3	97	1.7	38.1
Total	10,499		5,851		79.4
Median Age	23.7		25.0		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.

Table 7

<b>New Hampshire - Latina Females by Age</b>					
	<b>2000</b>		<b>1990</b>		<b>Growth</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Under 10 years	2,262	22.6	1,165	21.3	94.2
10-19	1,917	19.2	969	17.7	97.8
20-29	1,745	17.5	1,118	20.4	56.1
30-39	1,723	17.2	1,045	19.1	64.9
40-49	1,223	12.2	549	10.0	122.8
50-59	595	6.0	298	5.4	99.7
60-69	304	3.0	171	3.1	77.8
70 and over	221	2.2	167	3.0	32.3
Total	9,990		5,482		82.2
Median Age	24.9		25.6		

Sources: Census Bureau: 2000, 1990(a), 1992.